(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto and whether Government have made any investigation to fix the responsibility of the concerned authorities for such a high level corruption and theft in the catering department of the Hospital; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the investigation and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to provide better quality of meals and other facilities to the patients of the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The news report is not factually correct. The quality of meals and other facilities is regularly monitored.

Vacant posts in CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensaries

2847. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of MO, SMO, CMO in CGHS (Homoeo) which are vacant till date and from what date they remain vacant;

(b) what action Government have so far taken to recruit/promote or post new Doctors in these vacant posts;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the recent past the CMO(H) were providing consultation to the beneficiaries in Delhi whereas consequent upon the retirement of 2 CMOs Government, have not yet promoted any SMO to the CMO level; and

(d) if so, by when Government propose to promote CMO to provide consultation to larger number of beneficiaries in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) In all 12 posts are vacant. The vacancies of Senior Medical Officers and Chief Medical Officers have occurred between 1991 and 1993. Requisition for filling the vacant posts of Medical Officers has been sent to U.P.S.C.

(c) and (d) The duties of Senior Medical Officers and Chief Medical Officers are similar vis-a-vis patient care. However, steps have been initiated to effect promotions.

Career progression of ISM and Homoeopathic Doctors

2848. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in order to take care of the career progression of ISM and Homoeopathic Doctors in the Ministry and Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), a separate section CHS VI was created;

(b) whether it is a fact that that section remains without minimum adequate staff resulting in hurdles in the career and progression of ISM and Homoeopathic doctors;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to inactivity of this section the various recruitment rules, seniority lis of ISM and Homoeopathic physicians etc., are not finalised even after 2(months of its inception;

(d) whether it is a fact that not even a single Homoeopathic physician in CGHS has been selected for the last several years due to inactivity of this section; and

(e) what action Government ar proposing to take to make this CHS VI Section accountable for looking after the backlog and future welfare of ISM and Homoeopathic Physicians in CGHS alone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Seniority lists of Unani and Sidha system of medicine had been issued in 1993. The Seniority lists of Homoeopathy and Ayurveda are under finalisation and will be issued shortly. The recruitment rules are at the final stage in consultation with the UPSC.

(d) The recruitment of Homoeopathic Physicians is done through U.P.S.C. to whom a requisition has been sent.

(e) The Section is functioning satisfactorily.

Creation of an additional post in Homoeopathic set up

2849. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are posts of Deputy Advisors in ISM in the Ministry whereas there is no Deputy Advisor in Homoeopathic System of medicines;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is no posts about CMO/Deputy Advisor on the Homoeo set up in the Ministry except one post of SAG; if so, what action is contemplated to fill up this administrative vacuum by posing a Deputy Advisor (Homoeo) immediately; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to fill up the gap between Advisor Homoeopathy and the Assistant Advisor(H) by providing a post of Deputy Advisor for the Homoeopathic system of medicines; and what is the time-limit for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is one post of Advisor (Homoeopathy) at S.A.G. level in the Ministry. He is assisted by Assistant Advisor (Homoeo.) and Research Officer (Homoeo). There is no proposal to post a Dy. Advisor (Homoeo.)/CMO in the Ministry.

Opening of Homoeopathic Dispensaries in Delhi and adjoining areas

2850. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time back an assurance was given in the Parliament at 9 Homoeopathic Dispensaries will be opened at various places in and around Delhi;

(b) how many of them have been opened so far and how many allopathic dispensaries were opened since 1990; and

(c) whether it is a fact that since 1986 no Homopathic Dispensary has been opened and if so, the reasons therefor and why such stepmotherly treatment is given for opening Homoeopathic dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Two allopathic dispensaries have been opened in Delhi since 1990.

(c) No new homoeopathic dispensary has been opened since 1986 for the reason that all the areas under CGHS are covered under one or the other existing homoeopathic dispensary/unit.